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MEMORANDUM FOR: Area Security Officer, Office of Personnel  
SUBJECT: Justification for Continued Use of Sterile  
Telephones

1. In accordance with your request, submitted below is our justification for the continued use of two sterile telephones presently charged to this Division.

2. The sterile phone in Room 141, Curie Hall, used by our Insurance Branch, is necessary due to the constant need for claims personnel to contact hospitals in the area as well as to permit those Agency employees who are so authorized, from a security standpoint, to contact the Branch in connection with claims for hospitalization. The use of this phone is restricted to matters pertaining to GCHQ. Identification cards, furnished certain authorized employees for use in connection with hospitalization, bear the number of this phone.

3. The sterile phone located in Room 1408, Curie Hall, is used by the Casualty Affairs Branch. The need for this phone in CAB, felt for a long time, was crystallized several months ago. The Deputy Director of Security recommended its installation at that time. As part of their responsibility in the general control of casualty cases, CAB must frequently deal with next-of-kin, other Federal Agencies, and private individuals. After these contacts have been made, the number of the phone is given in the event that a call to CAB is considered necessary, as is often the case. Consequently, the continued use by CAB of their sterile phone is considered essential to their action in cases presently being handled and future cases that will arise.

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Chief, Benefits and Casualty Division

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